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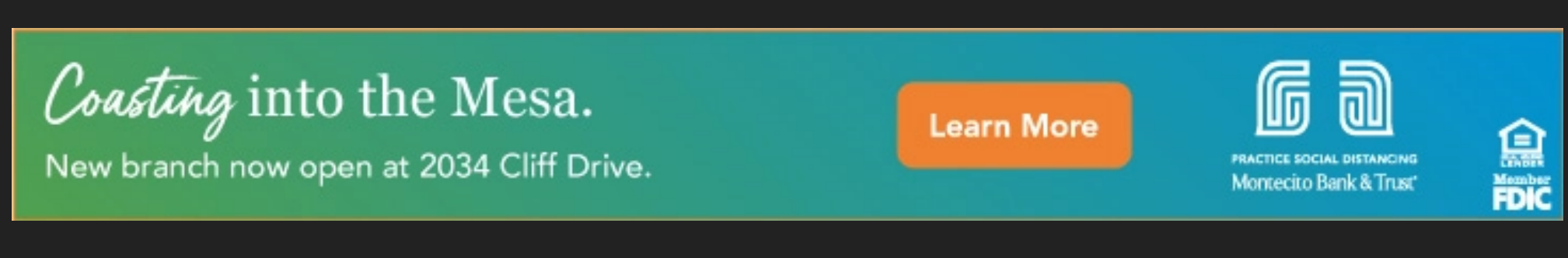
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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY REACHES 11,602 COVID-19 CASES

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By edhat staff

The Public Health Department reports Santa Barbara County reached 11,602 COVID-19 cases as of Monday.

There was one additional death reported. The individual was between the ages of 50-69 years old, did not have underlying medical conditions and resided in the City of Santa Maria. The death was not associated with an outbreak at a congregate living facility.

The county's death toll is now 136.

Of the total cases, there are currently 410 that are active and infectious. Of those, there are 33 hospitalizations including 7 in the intensive care unit.

In the past week, there have been nearly 600 new cases reported averaging 75 new cases per day. This past Saturday alone, 149 new cases were reported by the Public Health Department.

Due to the testing and reporting time lag, new cases due to the Thanksgiving holiday may take up to a week to appear in data counts.

More data can be found at https://publichealthsbc.org.

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CHEMICALSUPERFREAK 1 NOV 30, 2020 09:01 PM

As of today, the 7-day average case rate is 16.7, and the 7-day average for testing % positivity is 3.8. (These numbers are current, and you won't see them posted to the dashboard because of the lag) The numbers are bad, but still a far cry from when the case rate was nearly 30 and the the positivity was over 16%. I saw a lot of traffic streaming into SB this weekend, so people clearly traveled to spend time with family and friends and we'll see the effect of that in a week or two. If you look at statewide testing, it hit an all time high just prior to Thanksgiving, which makes me hopeful that people used testing before making their decisions for Thanksgiving. Newsom has already hinted at a state-wide lockdown, so if we get back to those early numbers you can bet he'll do it.

420722 3 1 NOV 30, 2020 06:54 PM

So cases are continuing to climb and are pre-planned (I mean expected) to skyrocket in the near future all while businesses have been at their strictest modifications or even closed altogether for over 2 weeks now. There is no science behind these business lockdowns, it is wrong and cruel and unnecessarily ruining the lives of healthy and hardworking individuals.

A-1606804604 1 2 NOV 30, 2020 10:36 PM

I don't think you understand the severity of the pandemic.
Do you think 270,000 deaths in the USA alone are faked?
International death totals are faked?
Other countries are in on the conspiracy?
Too little thinking behind such a comment.

420722 2 1 NOV 30, 2020 09:10 PM

7:35 I never said this would disappear with warm or cool weather? Where do you come up with stuff like that? Nice try though and deaths did not increase while we were in the red, cases started going up recently (and quite magically) even in the most remote counties of California with teeny tiny populations that don't see much tourism. Odd right? Why are they in the purple? We've had 100+ deaths out of a population of nearly 500,000 and almost all of them were elderly and sick to boot. There is NO need for this 3rd shutdown.

A-1606798126 1 1 NOV 30, 2020 08:48 PM

8:44 - That's actually kind of funny, in a contrafactual way. What does anyone's handle have to do with understanding basic epidemiology?

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A-1606793752 1 2 NOV 30, 2020 07:35 PM

We open up, deaths increase. We shut down, deaths decrease. How many times do we have to repeat that loop before the conspiracy nincompoops get a clue? Weren't you saying this would all disappear with warm weather? Then with the election? Then with cool weather? Lunacy!

420722 2 2 NOV 30, 2020 06:24 PM

New fearporn... show the overall number of cases in big bold letters to scare the sheep. VOR, the fact that anyone would disagree with your 5:20 comment is just sad. I can't believe the county has businesses shut down because of "private gatherings". This is a total joke. Lockdowns don't work but they are leading to bigger problems we've only just begun to see.

ANDREA SMITH 2 NOV 30, 2020 04:58 PM

Newsom already warned today we could go back into full lockdown. Any time they "warn" us it usually happens within a week. I suspect after this holiday - given how many on State Street had no masks - our numbers are going to spike in about a week or so.

VOICE OF REASON 2 1 NOV 30, 2020 10:07 PM

Chem I do agree masks are effective in certain situations, like being inside within 6' of someone. The people walking their dogs by themselves with masks is an extreme I can't wrap my head around (at least now, 9 months into this, there was a time I wiped down my groceries too).

VOICE OF REASON 1 NOV 30, 2020 10:00 PM

Andrea, if you're concerned about people standing and talking without masks, outside, and kids running around touching everything, YOU should hunker down. Lockdowns only delay, they don't eliminate, so why force everyone else to hunker down and wait for what? A vaccine that might not even stop someone from being contagious? By the way, masks wont help kids touching everything, adults don't even follow proper mask protocol let alone a little kid.

CHEMICALSUPERFREAK 1 1 NOV 30, 2020 08:49 PM

Voice, masks do help considerably, but I agree with you that they don't work as well as people on this board are suggesting. I've posted plenty of peer-reviewed primary research on how masks are only 90-95% effective when used properly. Take our local healthcare workers for example. As of today, 586 of them have tested positive, despite safety training, masks, face shields, gloves and tons of sanitizers. If you are in proximity of an infected individual, there is a significant chance of being infected yourself unless you're in a BSL-4 suit.

ANDREA SMITH 2 1 NOV 30, 2020 05:50 PM

VOR when I see people standing and talking with no masks, and kids running around with no masks touching everything, then yes I am concerned. As you pointed out, these shutdowns are seriously impacting people financially especially small businesses. So why can't people hunker down and do what needs to be done so we can get out of this?

THOMAS JOHN 1 1 NOV 30, 2020 05:43 PM

You post like everyone is following protocol requests - which we all know isn't happening.

SACJON 2 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:31 PM

VOR - You clearly have no capacity for basic comprehension. I'm talking about choices. The relatively minimal precautions people like you are freaking out against and CHOOSING to ignore - masks, distancing, staying away from family during the holidays, etc etc. Closing businesses are not "choices," no one had a say in that. So read my comment again with my explanation in mind. It's amazing (and embarrassing for you) that I have to spoon feed you simple reasoning.

VOICE OF REASON 3 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:20 PM

Sac you're clearly a keyboard warrior who hasn't missed a paycheck this entire time. shutting down someone's business they worked years to build, who employ workers who live pay check to paycheck and now will go without one, is hardly "minimal" or "inconvenient".

VOICE OF REASON 2 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:13 PM

Andrea, you will not catch covid by walking past someone outside on the street unless someone contagious sneezed/coughed directly into your face. Downtown, most people are wearing a mask outside, and everyone is wearing them inside. If masks worked as well as people on this board think they did, cases wouldn't be spiking everywhere. The science behind masks as it relates to covid-19 is psychology not epidemiology. Do you think surgeons would preform a surgery if they had a viral infection? No, they wouldn't because they know a paper or cloth mask, even those used during surgery, won't stop a virus. Stay home if you chose, stay safe if you venture out, wash your hands, don't live in fear and don't let the government micro manage your life (they do a crummy enough job managing their own issues)

SACJON 3 1 NOV 30, 2020 05:06 PM

Andrea - I'm worried you're right. I have a sneaking suspicion we will see a significant increase in numbers over the next week. As for a shut-down, I bet he announces it tomorrow. That's what happens when people choose to ignore health and safety. Choices have consequences. This isn't like disagreeing over political opinions. There is no "opinion" about a global pandemic. You choose to either take the relatively minimal, albeit inconvenient, precautions, or you choose to ignore them and put yourself and your family at risk.

GENERALTREE 1 3 NOV 30, 2020 04:46 PM

Play stupid games - win a trip to the ICU. I've been trying to warn people for months - but some populists minds just want to continue spewing anti-science jargon.

SBATLIEN 2 NOV 30, 2020 10:41 PM

@VOR, appreciate your request to provide distinct arbitrary metrics in support of science that no one can provide in any free state, county or city where self reporting is optional and many are asymptomatic. You raise a moot point that is taught in 2nd grade science experiments—variables play a part in the scientific method. Peace be with you and I hope your trips to Ralph's without a mask works out. Maybe you can volunteer on the ICU floor at cottage or down in LA hospitals. Help there is always appreciated,

Or just sit on edhat as a couch scientist and public health expert to ramble and argue.

Of wait I just did the same thing.

VOICE OF REASON 2 1 NOV 30, 2020 09:48 PM

And he's quick to make fun or call names, how Trumpian of him.

420722 2 1 NOV 30, 2020 09:23 PM

General tree-the fact that you only consider people that agree with your own thoughts as "educated" means you aren't as educated as you think. The end.

GENERALTREE 1 3 NOV 30, 2020 08:39 PM

Voice of Treason -I know you have a hard time discussing basic science without a far right agenda, so you should probably just scroll on by. I prefer discussions with other educated people.

A-1606796797 1 3 NOV 30, 2020 08:26 PM

@ 6:48: And what do we have now, other than dire? We have better therapies now, so fewer of the serious cases die, but we are overwhelming our hospitals, and that will mean no therapy at all, and doomsday will have arrived.

A-1606794224 1 1 NOV 30, 2020 07:43 PM

5:04 PM - You've seen it all before, but ignored it:
Links to peer-reviewed papers at the bottom of the page:
https://healthfeedback.org/claimreview/non-pharmaceutical-interventions-such-as-lockdowns-and-wearing-face-masks-are-effective-measures-to-reduce-covid-19-transmission-contrary-to-claims-in-viral-video/

BASICINFO805 3 1 NOV 30, 2020 06:48 PM

Predictions aren't data. And we have had some very dire predictions for 8 months that haven't materialized. Remember the doomsday calls back in march? I do.

THOMAS JOHN 1 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:40 PM

Just look at IHME predictions. It's what the current white house uses and has different outcomes based on levels of restrictions (Masks - no masks). So yes, there is data supporting this.

VOICE OF REASON 3 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:19 PM

Sac, you're correct for the most part. People's behavior changed early on (i.e. wash hands, limit large groups, stay home when sick, mind your sneezing/coughing) that, combined with the natural seasonality of virus, is why CA went into the red tier (which is a completely arbitrary threshold from politicians not scientists). If the purple tier restrictions worked we shouldn't be spiking. Most of the spread is in the home with small gatherings, why would shutting down businesses and outdoor dining be the response when we have data these aren't vectors? How many times are you going to fall for our politicians taking credit for their restrictions when numbers fall then blaming a small group of non-compliers when cases increase? Is everyone who is turning up positive a non-complier?

SACJON NOV 30, 2020 05:11 PM

VOR - so you think CA went into the red tier (and almost made it to purple) DESPITE the mask requirements, distancing and other safety precautions? I'll agree the science was actually in favor of schools re-opening (districts chose otherwise), but you can't say nothing that we've been doing the past months had no effect on the decrease we saw before this latest spike.

VOICE OF REASON 3 2 NOV 30, 2020 05:04 PM

General, you're quick to call anyone who disagrees with your position "anti-science". Can you please show me one state, even one county, that saw a sustained decrease in cases after maskmadates and heavy restrictions went into effect? Can you please show me the science the LA Public Heath Department used to shut down outdoor dinning? Can you please show me the science that says schools should be closed? Can you please show me the science that the lockdowns and heavy restrictions are less detrimental to public health than covid itself? (hint: you can't).

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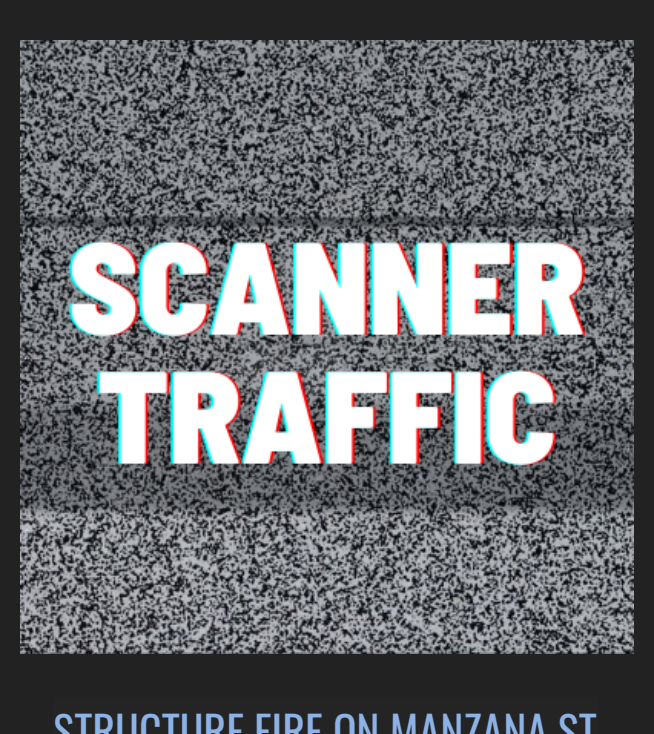

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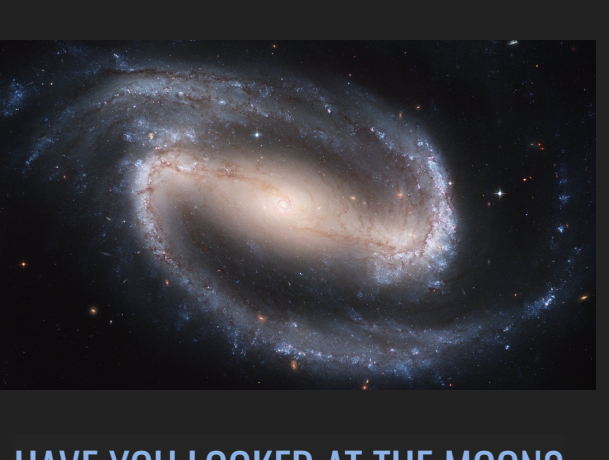
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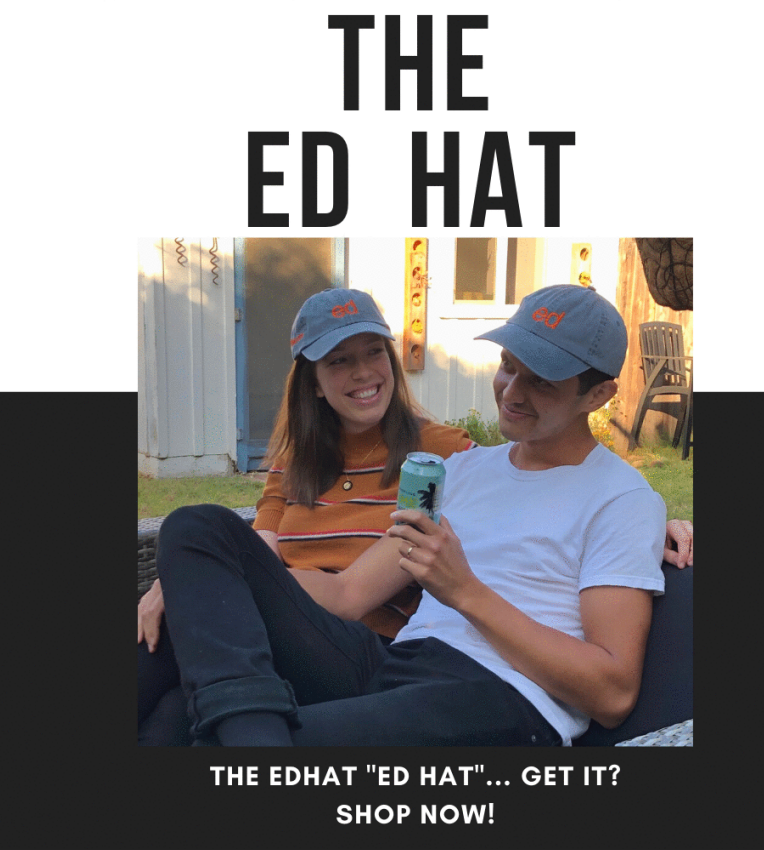
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